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NOTE ON CESTODE NOMENCLATURE.

IN many of the cestodes there occurs at the beginning of the germ duct an organ, chiefly muscular in structure, which engages the germ cells on their release from the germarium and forwards them into the germ duct. From its characteristic movements in the discharge of this function the organ was well named "Schluck-apparat" by Pintner, who made the first extended study of its occurrence and structure. Its presence has been generally recognized by investigators on cestode structure since then, and the term used by Pintner has been widely employed even in French and English papers. The evident disadvantages of such terms as are unpronounceable and unintelligible to students unfamiliar with the German and are furthermore incapable of inflection, serve as my excuse for calling attention to a term in use in the laboratory here to designate this structure, namely, *oöcapt*. Formed on the analogy of Leuckart's generally accepted term "oötype" for a neighboring structure in the reproductive apparatus and conveying the appropriate idea suggested by Pintner, the term "oöcapt" has proved in use both convenient and precise. As it is to be used in papers now being published by some of my students, this explanation is also necessary in order to prevent possible confusion or misunderstanding regarding its origin and meaning.

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